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REMARKS

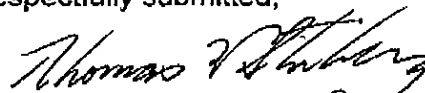
Claims 1, 2, 4-8 remain pending in the present application. Claims 9, 11 and 13-15 are hereby cancelled in view of the restriction requirement issued in the outstanding Office Action, without prejudice to filing a divisional application with claims thereto.

Restriction Requirement

The claims have been restricted to the following groups: Group I, claims 1, 2 and 4-8, directed to a process of making meltblown fibers; Group II, claim 9, directed to nonwoven fabrics; and Group III, claims 13-15, directed to extrusion dies. Applicants acknowledge their election, with traverse, of the claims of Group I, which are indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action. Claims to the non-elected inventions have been cancelled herewith.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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